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MOTHERS
Legacie,
To her vnborne
CHILDE.

By ELIZABETH
IOCELINE.

The third Impression.

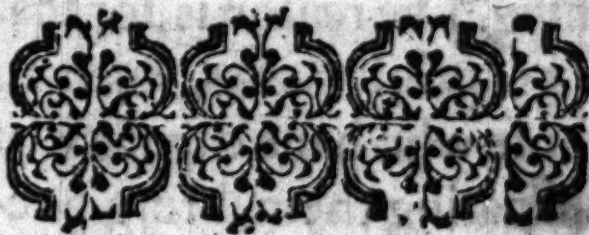
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Ur lawes disable
those that are
vnder *Couert-*
baron, from dis-
posing by Will and Testa-
ment any temporall estate,
But no law prohibiteth
any possessor of morall
and spirituall riches, to im-
part them vnto others, ei-
ther in life by communica-
ting, or in death by bequea-
thing.

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thing. The reason is, for that corruptible riches, euen to those who haue capacity of alienating them, bring onely a ciuill propriety, but no morall and vertuous influence for the wel dispensing, or bestowing them: whereas vertue and grace haue power beyond al empeachment of sex or other debility, to enable and instruct the possessor to employ the same vnquestionably for the inward enriching of others.

This truly rich bequeather, taking that care for the prouiding an euerlasting portion for her hoped issue, which

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which too many parents bend wholly vpon earthly inheritance, by her death already hath giuen vnto her Testament that life and strength, whereof the Scripture speaketh, *A Testament is of force after death* : Now remained the other validitie & priuilege of a Testament, that it bee enacted in perpetuall and inuiolable *Record*. Which in this was necessary not so much for the security of the chiefe and immediate Legatary, as for the benefit of all those, who, by the common kindred of Christianity, may

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Sometime Master of *Queens Colledge* in *Cambridge*, and publique *Professor* of *Divinity* in that *Vniuersitie*, afterward *Lord Bishop*, first of *Chester*, and thence of *Lincolne* : by and vnder whom shee was from her tender yeeres carefully nurtured, as in those accomplishments of knowledge in *Languages*, *History*, and some *Arts*, so principally in studies of piety. And thus hauing from a childe knowne the holy *Scriptures*, which made her wise vnto saluation through faith in *Christ*, how well shee continued in those things,

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things, which shee had learned, appeareth, as otherwise to those that knew her, so here to all by the frequent and pertinent application of them in these instructions.

In her prosecution of the duty of obedience vnto Parents, I view the deepe impression, long since, when shee was not aboue six yeeres old, made in her minde by the last words of her owne Mother, charging her vpon her blessing to shew all obedience and reuerence to her Father (*Sir Richard Brooke*) and to her reue-

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reuerend Grandfather.

In the whole course of her pen, I obserue her piety and humility : these her lines scarce shewing one sparke of the elementary fire of her secular learning : this her candle being rather lighted from the lampe of the Sanctuary.

In her commission of the office of an *Overseer* to her husband, what eies cannot behold the flames of her true and vnspoted loue toward her dearest, who enjoyed her about the space of six yeeres and a halfe, being all that while both an impartiall

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partiall witnesse of her vertues, and an happy partner of those blessings both transitory and spirituall, wherewith shee was endowed.

Beside the domestique cares pertaining to a wife, the former part of those yeeres were imployed by her in the studies of morality and history, the better by the helpe of forreigne languages, not without a taste and facultie in Poetrie: Wherein some essay shee hath left, ingenious, but chaste and modest like the Authour. Of all which know-

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knowledge shee was very sparing in her discourses, as possessing it rather to hide, than to boast of.

Among those her eminencies deserving our memory, was her owne most ready memory, enabling her vpon the first rehearfall to repeat aboue forty lines in English or Latine : a gift the more happy by her imployment of it in carrying away an entire Sermon, so that shee could (almost following the steps of the words, or phrase) write it downe in her Chamber.

The latter yeeres of her
life

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life shee addicted to no other studies than Diuinity, whereof some imperfect notes remaine, but principally this small Treatise found in her Deske vnfinished, by reason either of some troubles befalling her about a moneth before her end, or of preuention by mis-reckoning the time of her going with this her first (now also last) Childe: which Treatise, intended for her childe, shee so leauing, recommended the same to her husband by her letter to him, written and subscribed by her owne hand,

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hand, as hereafter followeth.

The many blessings, shee enjoyed, were not without some seasoning of afflictions, which, by the good vse shee made of them, bred in her a constant temper of patience and more than womanly fortitude: especially in her latter time, when as the course of her life was a perpetuall meditation of death, amounting almost to a propheticall sense of her dissolution, even then when she had not finished the 27. yeere of her age, nor was oppressed by
any

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any disease, or danger, other than the common lot of child-birth, within some moneths approaching. Accordingly when she first felt herselfe quicke with childe (as then traueelling with death it selfe) shee secretly tooke order for the buying a new winding sheet : thus preparing and consecrating herselfe to him, who rested in a new Sepulcher wherein was neuer man yet layd. And about that time vndauntedly looking death in the face, priuatly in her Closet betweene God and her, shee wrote these pious Medita-

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Meditations ; whereof her
selfe strangely speaketh to
her owne bowels in this
manner, *It may seeme strange
to thee to receive these lines
from a mother, that died
when thou wert borne.*

October 12. 1622. In
Cambridge-shire place was
made a mother of a daugh-
ter, whom shortly after,
being baptized & brought
vnto her, shee blessed, and
gaue God thanks that her
selfe had liued to see it a
Christian: and then instant-
ly called for her winding
sheet to bee brought forth
and laied vpon her.

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So hauing patiently borne for some nine daies a violent fever, & giuing a comfortable testimony of her godly resolution, she ended her prayers, speech, and life together, rendring her soule into the hand of her Redeemer, and leauing behinde her vnto the world a sweet perfume of good name, and to her onely childe (besides a competent inheritance) this Manuell, being a deputed Mother for instruction, and for solace a twinne-like sister, issuing from the same Parent, and seeing the light about

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bout the same time.

Which composure because it commeth forth imperfect from the pen, doth the more expect to be supplied and made up by practise and execution.

Sic approbanis

The Goad.

TO



T O M Y T R V L Y
louing, and most dear-
ly loued Husband,
Tourell Jocelin.

M I N E owne
deare loue,
I no soo-
ner concei-
ued an hope, that I should
bee made a mother by
thee, but with it entred
the considera tion of a
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mothers duty, and shortly after followed the apprehension of danger that might prevent mee from executing that care I so exceedingly desired, I meane in religious training our Childe. And in truth death appearing in this shape, was doubly terrible unto mee. First, in respect of the painfulnesse of that kinde of death, and next of the losse my little one should haue in wanting mee.

But

to her husband.

But I thanke God, these
feares were cured with
the remembrance that
all things worke to-
gether for the best to
those that loue God,
and a certaine assurance
that he will giue me pa-
ience according to my
paine.

Yet still I thought there
was some good office I
might doe for my Childe
more than only to bring it
forth (though it should
please God to take mee)
when

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when I considered our frailty, our apt inclinatioⁿ to sin, the Devils subtiltie, and the worlds deceitfulness; against these, how much desired I to admonish it? But still it came into my minde that death might depriue me of time, if I should neglect the present. I knew not what to doe: I thought of writing, but then mine owne weaknes appeared so manifestly, that I was ashamed, and durst not undertake

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dertake it. But when I could find no other means to expresse my motherly zeale, I encouraged my selfe with these reasons.

First, that I wrote to a Childe, and though I were but a woman, yet to a childes iudgement, what I vnderstood might serue for a foundation to a better learning.

Againe, I considered it was to my owne, and in priuate sort, and my loue to my owne might ex-

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cuse my errours.

And lastly, but chiefly, I comforted my selfe, that my intent was good, and that I was well assured God is the prosperer of good purposes.

Thus resolved, I writ this ensuing Letter to our little one, to whom I could not finde a fitter hand to conuey it than thine owne, which maist with authority see the performance of this my little legacy, of which my Childe is Executor.

And

to her husband.

And (deare loue) as
thou must be the ouerseer,
for Gods sake, whē it shal
faile in duty to God, or to
the world, let not thy in-
dulgence winke at such
folly, but seuerely correct
it: and that thy trouble
may bee little when it
comes to yeeres, take the
more care when it is
young. First, in prouiding
it a nurse: O make choise,
not so much for her com-
plexion, as for her milde
and honest disposition:

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Likewise if the child be to remain long abroad after waining, as neere as may be, chuse a house where it may not learne to sweare, or speak scurrilous words.

I know I may be thought too scrupulous in this: but I am sure thou shalt finde it a hard matter to breake a childe of that it learnes so young. It will be a great while, ere it will bee thought old enough to be beaten for euill words, and by that time it will bee so per-

to her husband.

perfect in imperfections, that blowes will not mend it. And when some charitable body reprovues or corrects it for these faults, let no body pittie it with the losse of the mother.

Next, good sweet heart, keepe it not from schoole, but let it learne betimes: if it be a son, I doubt not but thou wilt dedicate it to the Lord as his Minister, if he wil please of his mercy to giue him grace and

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capacity for that great work. If it be a daughter, I hope my mother Brook (if thou desirest her) will take it among hers, & let them all learne one lesson.

I desire her bringing vp may bee learning the Bible, as my sisters doe, good houswifery, writing, and good workes: other learning a woman needs not: though I admire it in those whom God hath blest with discretion, yet I desired not much in
my

to her husband.

my owne, hauing seene
that sometimes women
haue greater portions of
learning than wisdom,
which is of no better use
to them than a main saile
to a flye-boat, which runs
it vnder water. But
where learning and wis-
dome meet in a vertuous
disposed woman, she is the
fittest closet for all good-
nesse. She is like a well-
ballanced ship that may
beare all her saile. She is,
Indeed, I should but shame

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my selfe, if I should goe
about to praise her more.

But, my deare, though
she haue all this in her, she
will hardly make a poore
mans wife: Yet I leaue it
to thy will. If thou desi-
rest a learned daughter, I
pray God giue her a wise
and religious heart, that
she may vse it to his glo-
ry, thy comfort, and her
owne saluation.

But howsoeuer thou dis-
posest of her education, I
pray thee labour by all
meanes

to her husband.

meanes to teach her true
humility : though I much
desire it may be as humble
if it be a son as a daugh-
ter ; yet in a daughter I
more feare that vice ;
Pride being now rather
accounted a vertue in our
sex worthy praise, than a
vice fit for reproofe.

Many Parents reade
lectures of it to their chil-
dren how necessary it is,
and they haue principles
that must not be disputed
against. As first, looke how

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much you esteeme your
selfe, others wil esteeme of
you. Again, what you giue
to others, you derogate
from your selfe. And ma-
ny more of these kindes. I
haue heard men accoun-
ted wise that haue main-
tained this kind of pride
vnder the name of gene-
rous knowing or under-
standing themselues. But
I am sure that hee that
truly knowes himself shall
know so much euill by
himselfe, that hee shall
haue

to her husband.

have small reason to think
himselfe better than ano-
ther man.

Dearest, I am so feareful
to bring thee a proud high
minded child, that, though
I know thy care will need
no spur, yet I cannot but
desire thee to double thy
watchfulnesse over this
vice, it is such a crafty
insinuating deuill, it will
enter little children in the
likenesse of wit, with
which their parents are
delighted, and that is
sweet

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sweet nourishment to it.

I pray thee deare heart,
delight not to haue a bold
childe: modesty & humi-
litie are the sweetest
ground-works of all ver-
tue. Let not thy seruants
giue it any other title than
the Christen name, till it
haue discretion to vnder-
stand how to respect o-
thers.

And I pray thee be not
profuse in the expence of
clothes vpon it. Mee
thinkes it is a vaine de-
light

to her husband.

light in parents to bestow
that cost vpon one childe
which would serue two or
three. If they haue not
children enow of their
owne to imploy so much
cost vpon, Pauper vbi-
que iacet.

There
wants
not poore
at euery
doore.

Thus, Deare, thou seest
my beleefe, if thou canst
teach thy little one humi-
lity, it must needs make
thee a glad father.

But I know thou won-
derest by this time what
the cause should bee that

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we two continually vn-
clasp[ing] our hearts one
to the other, I should re-
serue this to writing. Whē
thou thinkest thus, deare,
remember how grieuous
it was to thee but to heare
mee say, I may die, and
thou wilt confesse this
would haue beene an vn-
pleasant discourse to
thee, and thou knowest I
neuer durst displease thee
willingly. so much I
love thee. All I now de-
fire is, what the vnexpe-
ctednesse

to her husband.

stednesse of it make it not
more grievous to thee.
But I know thou art a
Christian, and therefore
will not doubt of thy pati-
ence.

And though I thus write
to thee, as heartily desi-
ring to be religiously pre-
pared to die, yet, my
deare, I despaire not of
life, nay, I hope and dai-
ly pray for it, if so God
will be pleased.

Nor shall I thinke this
labour lost, though I doe
live :

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live : for I will make it
my owne looking-glasse,
wherein to see when I am
too seuerer, when too re-
misse, and in my childes
fault through this glasse
to discerne mine owne er-
rors. And I hope God will
so giue me his grace, that
I shall more skilfully act
than apprehend a mo-
thers duty.

My deare, thou know-
est me so well, I shall not
need to tell thee I haue
written honest thoughts
in

to her husband.

in a disordered fashon,
not obseruing method.
For thou knowest how
short I am of learning and
naturall indowments to
take such a course in wri-
ting. Or if that strong af-
fection of thine haue hid
my weaknesse from thy
sight, I now professe seri-
ously my owne ignorance:
and though I did not, this
following Treatise would
bewray it: But I send it
onely to the eies of a most
louing Husband, and of a
childe

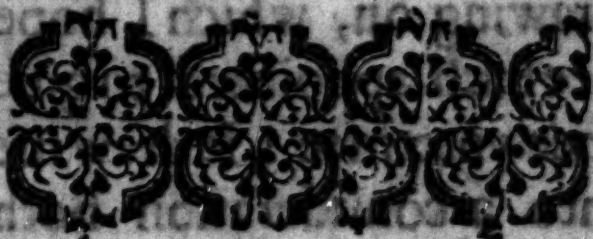
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childe exceedingly beloved,
to whom I hope it wil
not be altogether vnpro-
fitable.

Thus humbly desiring
God to giue thee all com-
fort in this life, and hap-
pinesse in the life to
come, I leaue thee and
thine to his most graci-
ous protection.

Thine inuiolable,

Eliza. Iocelin



THE
MOTHERS
LEGACIE

to her vnborne

CHILDE.



Having long
often and ear-
nestly desi-
red of God,
that I might
bee a mother to one of his
children, and the time now
draw-

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drawing on, which I hope hee hath appointed to give thee vnto mee : It drew me into a consideration both wherefore I so earnestly desired thee, and (hauing found that the true cause was to make thee happy) how I might compasse this happinesse for thee.

I knew it consisted not in honour, wealth, strength of body or friends (though all these are great blessings) therefore it had beene a weake request to desire thee onely for an heire to my fortune. No, I neuer aimed at so poore an inheritance

ritance for thee, as the whole world : Neither would I haue begged of God so much paine, as I know I must endure, to haue only possesse thee with earthly riches, of which to day thou maist bee a great man, to morrow a poore begger. Nor did an hope to dandle thy infancy moue mee to desire thee. For I know all the delight a Parent can take in a childe is hony mingled with gall.

But the true reason that I haue so often kneeled to God for thee, is, that thou mightest

mightest bee an inheritour
 of the Kingdome of Hea-
 uen. To which end I hum-
 bly beseech Almightye
 God thou maist bend all
 thy actions, and (if it bee
 his blessed will) giue thee
 so plentifull a measure of
 his grace, that thou maist
 serue him as his Minister, if
 he make thee a man.

It is true that this age
 holds it a most contempti-
 ble office, fit only for poore
 mens children, younger
 brothers, and such as haue
 no other meanes to liue.
 But for Gods sake bee not
 discouraged with these
 vaine

vaine speeches; but fortifie
your selfe with remem-
bring of how great worth
the winning of one soule is
in Gods sight, and you shal
quickly finde how great a
place it is to be a Priest vnto
the liuing God. If it will
please him to moue your
heart with his holy Spirit,
it will glow and burne with
zeale to doe him service.
The Lord open thy lips,
that thy mouth may shew
forth his praise.

If I had skill to write, I
would write all I apprehend
of the happy estate of
true labouring Ministers:
but

but I may plainly say that of all men they by their calling are the most truly happy ; they are familiar with God, they labour in his Vineyard, and they are so beloued of him, that hee giues them abundance of knowledge. Oh bee one of them, let not the scorne of euill men hinder thee. Look how God hath prouided for thee sufficient meanes ; thou needest not hinder thy study to looke out for liuing, as the Israelites hindered their worke to looke for straw : If thou beest not content with this, thou wilt
not

not bee with more ; G o d
deliuer thee from couetous-
nesse.

I desire thee that though
thou takest a spirituall cal-
ling, thou wilt not seeke
after the liuings of the
Church, nor promotions,
though I honour them as
I haue great cause, but I
would haue thee so truly an
humble and zealous Mini-
ster, that thy onely end
should bee to doe God ser-
uice, without desire of any
thing to thy selfe, saue the
Kingdome of Heauen. Yet
as I would not haue thee
seeke these things, so I
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Would haue thee as carefull
not to neglect Gods blessings,
but with all thankfulnesse
to receiue what hee bestowes,
and to bee a carefull steward,
distributing it to those that haue need.

I could not chuse but
manifest this desire in writing,
lest it should please God
to depriue me of time to speake.

And if thou beest a daughter,
thou maist perhaps thinke
I haue lost my labour ; but
reade on, and thou shalt see
my loue and care of thee
and thy saluation is as great,
as if

if thou wert a sonne, and
my feare greater.

It may peradventure
when thou comest to some
discretion, appeare strange
to thee to receiue these
lines from a Mother that
died when thou wert borne;
but when thou seest men
purchase land, and store vp
treasure for their vnborne
babes, wonder not at mee
that I am carefull for thy
saluation, being such an e-
ternall portion : and not
knowing whether I shall
liue to instruct thee when
thou art borne, let mee not
bee blamed though I write

to thee before. Who would not condemne mee if I should bee carelesse of thy body while it is within me? Sure a farre greater care belongs to thy soule; to both these cares I will endeavour my selfe so long as I live.

Againe, I may perhaps bee wondred at for writing in this kinde, considering there are so many excellent bookes, whose least note is worth all my meditations. I confesse it, and thus excuse my selfe, I write not to the world, but to mine own childe, who it may be, will
more

more profit by a few weake instructions comming from a dead mother (who cannot euery day praise or re-prone it as it deserues) than by farre better from much more learned. These things considered, neither the true knowledge of mine owne weaknesse, nor the feare this may come to the worlds eie, & bring scorne vpon my graue, can stay my hand from expressing how much I couet thy saluation.

Therefore deare childe, reade here my loue, and if God take mee from thee,

be obedient to these instructions, as thou oughtest to bee vnto mee, I haue learnt them out of Gods Word, I beseech him that they may be profitable to thee.

(1)

The first charge I giue thee, I learned of *Solomon*, *Eccles. 12. 1. Remember thy Creator in the dayes of thy youth.* It is an excellent beginning, and a fit lesson for a childe. Looke with what the Vessell is first seasoned, it retaines the taste : and if thou beginnest to remember to serue *G.O.D.* when

when thou art young, before the world, the flesh, & the deuill take hold on thee, God will loue thee and send his holy Spirit to take possession of thee, who shal resist those enemies, and not suffer them to hurt thee.

To moue thy heart to remember thy Creator be- times, meditate vpon the benefits thou continually receiuest : First, how hee hath created thee when thou wert nothing, redeemed thee being worse than nought, and now of meere grace he hath giuen thee his holy Spirit, sanctifying thee

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thee to an eternall King-
dome. Thou canst not pos-
sibly vnderstand how great
these mercies are, but
straight thy soule must cry,
What shall I doe for so gra-
cious a God? All the pow-
ers of my soule and bodie
will I giue to his seruice,
my first thoughts will I de-
dicate to him, like *Abels* sa-
crifice, I will present to him
the first fruits of my youth;
In the strength of my age
will I fall downe before
him, and if I liue to old
age, that weaknesse will
not let my knees bow, nor
my hands be lifted vp, yet
shall

shall my heart meditate on
his goodnesse night and
day, and my tongue shall
be alwaies telling of his
maruellous works.

When thou hast thus re-
membered the infinite mer-
cies of God, it behoues thee
to settle thy selfe to a con-
stant seruice of him, to or-
der thy thoughts, words
and actions to his glory,
and to couenant with thy
selfe that thou wilt not
breake thy promises to
God. That thou maist the
more easily performe these
duties, marke I pray thee
these following rules for

ordering thy life, and God will blesse thee and all thy good endeouours.

(2)

At thy first waking in the morning, be carefull of thy selfe, that thou harbor in thy braine no vaine or vnprofitable, but of all no vngodly fancy to hinder thy morning sacrifice, but straight frame thy selfe to meditate on the mercies of God, the maliciousnesse of the deuill, and thine owne weaknesse.

Thine owne weaknesse is apparant to thee: for euen but now thine eyes were

were closed, thou couldst not see to defend thy selfe, thy strength was gone, so that thou wert not able to resist the weakest creature, a gnat or a flea might glut themselves with thy blood.

The devils malice is as easily perceiued, for euen now hee lies lurking ready to catch euery good motion from thy heart, suggesting things more delightfull to thy fancy, and perswading thee to deferre thy seruice of God though but for a little while.

But bee warned and armed against his tentations;
for

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for bee assured if thou once
yeeld to neglect praying to
God, but one halfe houre,
when that time comes thou
shalt finde thy selfe farre
more vnapt, and thy heart
more dull to pray than be-
fore : whereas if thou dis-
posest thy selfe to pray,
though thou beest heauie
and vncheerefull in it, yet
God, who searches the
heart, and sees thy desire to
pray, though thou canst
not, will enlighten thee and
prepare thy heart against
the next time, that thou
shalt finde comfort. There-
fore, take heed the Deuill de-

deceiue you not, for you see his malice is not small that seekes to couen you of all happinesse present and to come : For bee assured you can take no true ioy in earthly pleasures, no longer than you seeke after heauenly.

Hauiug thus discerned the infinite malice of the Deuill, and your owne exceeding weaknesse, how doe you thinke you were preserved from his snares while you slept? or doe you thinke hee onely besets you when you are awake? No, bee not deceiued, hee is not

so

so faire an enemy : his hate is such to you, that if hee could hee would teare your body and drag your soule to hell while you slept. Alas, all this hee might haue done, your strength was small to resist him. Now you must needs confesse who it is that is only able to preserue you, that it is God, and that it is his mercy, not your desert, that you are preserued : and gather to your selfe a strong resolution with all your force to serue him all the day, and to resist all the tentations of the deuill.

Then

Then being thorowly awake (for sure God likes not sleeping prayer) begin to giue God thanks, and to desire the continuance of his mercy towards thee in these words, till thou canst finde such as may better expresse thine owne soule.

“ O eternall God, gra-
“ cious from the begin-
“ ning, and mercifull to
“ the latter ending of the
“ world, I giue thee hum-
“ ble thanks, that accor-
“ ding to thine abundant
“ goodnesse, thou hast gra-
“ ciously defended me this
“ night from all dangers
“ that

"that might haue happe-
 "ned vnto mee. I beseech
 "thee continue this thy fa-
 "uourable goodnesse to-
 "ward mee, and so grant
 "mee thy grace, that in all
 "my thoughts, words, and
 "actions I may seeke thy
 "glory, and euermore so
 "liue in thy feare, that I
 "may die in thy fauour, for
 "thy Sonne my onely Sa-
 "uiours sake. Amen.

"world I give thee him
 "ple thankes, that accor-

(3)
 Having thus invited God
 into your soule, take heed
 you offend not against so
 great and glorious a guest:

Thinke

Thinke if thou seest a superior entertained with such obseruance of the Master, such diligence in the seruants, such a generall care that all things may giue a testimony of his welcome, O thinke, sinfull soule, what care oughtest thou to haue when the living God vouchsafes to dwell in thee: Oh watch, Oh be wary. Doe not (my deare Childe) Oh, not wilfully offend him, for hardly are presumptuous sinnes forgiven: but if out of weaknesse thou offend against him, runne straight before hee can bee gone,

gone, for hee is mercifull, and will stay a while after thou hast sinned to expect thy repentance : but if thou doest not make haste, then the devill, who will not delay to seeke thy destruction, hee will accuse thee, mocking thy impietic, and God will leaue thee, being more offended at thy neglect, or rather contempt of his mercy, than at thy first offence.

Therefore, runne quickly, esteeme no sin small, but what member soeuer caused thee to offend him, bring it before him, and let it

it assist thee chiefly in thy repentance. If thine eye teach thee wantonnesse, conetousnesse, or the like, let them powre forth teares to purchase thee a pardon. If thy tongue haue offended toward God or thy neighbour, bring it with shame and sorrow to confesse in priuate, what it was not ashamed to glory of in publicke. Learne to bee ashamed to commit sinne, but, being committed, hope not to hide it from God by any other meanes, than by hearty repentance : so indeed thou maist winne his mercy
to

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to couer thy transgression,
and in his Sonnes passion
hee will bury thine offences
so as hee will hide them
from himselfe : but then
thou must delay no time,
goe quickly, get thee alone,
weare thy knees, wring thy
hands, beate thy breast,
know as little measure in
thy sorrow, as thou didst in
thy sinne. The Lord will
not despise a contrite heart,
and though hee let thee
kneele long, hee will haue
mercy at the last. Learne of
Iacob to wrestle with God,
and to cry with a feruent
spirit, I will not let thee goe
vnlesse

vnlesse thou blesse me. Our
Saviour saith, The King-
dome of Heauen suffereth
violence, and the violent
take it by force.

(4)

Thus you see, it must be an
eager, not a slothfull course,
that must bring you to
Heauen. Take heed there-
fore that you auoid all the
kinds of this sinne. What-
soever you goe about, doe
it with chearefulnesse. Be
ashamed of idlenesse, as
thou art a man, but trem-
ble at it, as thou art a Chri-
stian.

stian. For bee sure the de-
uill neuer is so happy in his
tentations, as when hee em-
ploies them on a slothfull
man who cannot endure to
take so much paines as to
resist him.

Solomon promises no o-
ther patrimony to a slug-
gard but pouerty. GOD
hates the slouthfull. Wit-
nesse the five foolish Vir-
gins, and the vnprofitable
seruant, *Math. 25*. The one
Christ would not know; the
other is branded with two
shamefull markes, euill and
slothfull, and his talent ta-
ken from him. What more
wretched

wretched estate can there
be in the world ? first to bee
hated of God as an idle
Drone, not fit for his ser-
vice: then through extreme
pouerty to bee contemned
of all the world. Oh then
at no hand yeeld thy youth
to sloth, but so soone as
thou hast made thy prayer
to God, prepare to rise, and
rising vse this Prayer.

“ In thy name, Oh blef-
“ sed Sauour, I arise, who
“ with the Father, and the
“ holy Spirit, created mee,
“ and with thine owne most
“ precious bloud hast re-
“ deemed mee. I beseech
“ thee

“ thee this day, to gouerne,
“ keepe, and blesse mee :
“ leade me forth in euery
“ good way, therein direct
“ and confirme mee, and
“ after this fraile and mise-
“ rable life, bring mee to
“ that blessed life which
“ hath no end, for thy great
“ merit and mercies sake.

Amen.

(5)

Thou art no sooner broke
out of the armes of sloth,
but pride steps in diligent-
ly, waiting to furnish thee
with any vaine toy in thy
attire.

attire. And though I be-
leeue there are diuers sorts
of pride more pestilent to
the soule than this of appa-
rell, yet this is enough dan-
gerous, and I am sure be-
traies a mans folly more
than any other. Is it not a
monstrous thing to see a
man, whom God hath cre-
ated of an excellent forme,
each part answering the
due proportion of another,
should by a fantastick ha-
bit make himselfe so vgly,
that one cannot finde a-
mongst all Gods creatures
any thing like him ? One
man, though not resem-
bling

bling another in shape or face, yet for his rationall soule is like another : but these fashionists haue (I feare) changed their reasonable soules for proud soules without reason : could they else deforme and transforme themselves by these new fangled fashions, and apish behauour ; crindging, shrugging, starting, and playing the fantasies euery way. So that they may truly say when they are fashionable, that they are not like other men : and I beleeue wise men will not be sorry for it. For who would be like them ? I

I desire thee for Gods
sake shunne this vanitie,
whether thou bee sonne or
daughter. If a daughter, I
confesse thy taske is harder
because thou art weaker,
and thy temptations to
this vice greater, for
thou shalt see those whom
perhaps thou shalt thinke
lesse able, exalted farre
aboue thee in this kinde,
and it may bee thou wilt
desire to bee like them,
if not to out-goe them. But
believe and remember that
I tell thee, the end of all
these vanities is bitter as
gall.

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Oh

Oh the remembrance of
mis-spent time, when thou
shalt grow in yeares, and
haue attained no other
knowledge, than to dresse
thy selfe. When thou shalt
see halfe, perhaps all, thy
time spent, and that of all
thou hast sowed thou hast
nothing to reape but repen-
tance, late repentance, how
wilt thou griene? How wilt
thou accuse one folly for
bringing in another? and in
thy memory cast ouer the
cause of each misfortune
which hath befallen thee,
till passing from one to ano-
ther, at last thou findest thy
corrupt.

corrupt will to bee the first
cause, and then thou wilt
with grieve enough per-
ceiue, that if thou hadst ser-
ued God when thou ser-
uedst thy fond desires,
thou hadst now had peace
of heart. The God of mer-
cie giue thee grace to re-
member him in the dayes of
thy youth.

Mistake me not, nor giue
your selfe leaue to take too
much liberty with saying,
My mother was too strict.
No, I am not, for I giue
you leaue to follow mo-
dest fashions, but not to be
a beginner of fashions : nor

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would

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would I haue you follow it till it bee generall; so that in not doing as others doe, you might appeare more singular than wise : but in one word, this is all I desire, that you will not set your heart on such fooleries, and you shall see that this modest carriage will win you reputation and loue with the wise and vertuous sort.

And once againe, remember how many houres maist thou giue to God, which if thou spendest in these vanities, thou shalt neuer bee able to make account of. If thou dost but en-

endeuour to doe well, God will accept the will for the deed; but if thou wilfully spend the morning of thy time in these vanities, God will not bee put off with such reckonings, but punishments will follow, such as I pray God thou maist not pull vpon thee.

Yet alas, this is but one sort of pride, and so farre from being accounted a vice, that, if the time mends not before you come to vnderstanding, you will heare a well drest woman, (for that is the stile of honour) more commended

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than a wise or honest, or religious woman. And it may bee, this may moue you to follow their idlenes: but when you haue any such desire, draw your selfe to consider what manner of persons the commended and commenders are, and you shall finde them all of one barch, such as being vaine themselves, applaud it in others.

But if you will desire praise, follow the example of those religious women, whose vertuous fames time hath not power to raze out: as deuout *Anna*, who serued

ued the Lord with fasting
and prayer, *Luke 2.* Iust
Elizabeth, who serued God
without reproofe : Religi-
ous *Ester*, who taught her
Maids to fast and pray, *Est.*
4. 15. and the chaste *Susan-*
na, whose story, I hope, the
strictest will allow for a wor-
thy example.

I am so fearefull that thou
shouldst fall into this sinne,
that I could spend my lit-
tle time of life in exhorting
thee from it. I know it is
the most dangerous subtill
sinne that can steale the
heart of man, it will alter
shapes as oft as the Came-
D⁵ lion

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lion doth colours, it will
fit it selfe to all dispositi-
ons, and (which is most
strange) it will so disguise
it selfe, that hee must be cun-
ning who discernes it from
humilitie, nay it may lie in
thine owne heart, and if
thou beest not a diligent
searcher of thy selfe, thou
shalt not know it : but if
thou watch well thou shalt
take it, for it hath one pro-
perty that cannot change,
as the common people be-
leeue the Devill cannot al-
ter the shape of one foot.
It is true of pride, that
though it bee changed into
that

that Angell of light, Humility, yet thou maist know it by selfe-loue ; if thou findest that within thee, be sure pride is not farre off. For humility will make thee seeme vile in thine owne eyes, it will make thee see thine owne faults, and confesse them to be greater than other mens, so that thou wilt respect euery man aboue thy selfe. But the rules of selfe-conceit are iust contrary, they stand on tiptoes, reckning their vertues like the proud Pharisee, scorning to be like other men.

Shun

Shunne it for thy soules sake, for if thou entertaine it, it is such a shamelesse flatterer, that it will make thee beleue thou art greater, wiser, learnede than all the company, when indeed, thou wilt proue thy selfe the greatest foole of them, wearying them all with thy vaine talke.

Solomon saith, Pride goeth before destruction, Prou. 16. 18. And a high minde before the fall. And our blessed Sauour, the true patterne of humility, exhorts vs to learne of him that was lowly and meeke in heart,

Mat.

Mat. 11. 29. And if we doe
so, he promises we shall find
rest vnto our soules. Nei-
ther want there curses,
threatning, where perswa-
sions will not serue. Who-
soever exalteth himselfe
shall bee humbled, Luke 14.
11. Reade the holy Scrip-
tures often and diligently,
and thou shalt finde conti-
nuall threatnings against
pride, punishment of pride,
and warnings from pride.
Thou shalt finde no sinne
so heauily punished as this:
it made Devils of Angels,
a beast of great Nabuchodo-
nezzar, dogs meat of Je-
zabel,

Zabel, and I will conclude with a good mans saying, If all the sinnes reigning in the world were burnt to ashes, even the ashes of pride would be able to reduce them all againe.

I know in fewer words there might much more haue beene said against this sinne, but I know not who will say so much to thee when I am gone. Therefore I desire thou must bee taught these my instructions when thou art young, that this foule sinne may be weeded out before it take deepe root in thy heart. I
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will returne now to my first purpose, which is to set thee downe one day for a patterne, how I would haue thee spend all the dayes of thy life.

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Therefore auoiding all manner of pride, make thy selfe decently ready, which being done, retire to a place alone, where humbling thy selfe vpon thy knees, againe renew thy prayers, humbly confessing, and earnestly desiring forgiuenesse for all thy finnes, and vse Doctor *Smiths* morning prayer, than

than which I know not a better, nor euer did I finde more comfort in any.

In aduising you to a set forme of prayer, I doe not prohibit conceiued Prayer, but humbly beg of God to giue you grace to pray often out of your owne meditations according to his will.

But when it shall please God to call you to the charge of a family, I will not direct, but deliuer my opinion, that then a set forme of prayer is most necessary: my reason is, that your seruants being vsed to
it,

it, are alwayes ready to goe
along with you in their
hearts word for word, as
you pray, and continuance
makes them to vnderstand
euery word, which must
needs cause greater deuo-
tion, and giue more life to
the prayers.

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When you haue finished
your priuate prayer, be sure
that you absent not your
selfe from publike prayer,
if it bee vsed in the house
where you liue : which en-
ded, goe and vse any law-
full recreation, either for
thy

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thy profit or pleasure, and from all these exercises reserve a time to sit downe to some good study, but vse that most that may make thee greatest, Divinitie. It will make thee greater, richer, happier than the greatest Kingdome of the earth, though thou couldst possesse it. If any man serve me, saith Christ, him will my Father honour; If *Mordecai* were thought so highly honoured by *Ahasuerus* for a little gay trapping, what shall be done to him whom God will honour?

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Therefore if thou desirest honour, serue the Lord, and thou art sure of it. If riches bee thy aime, Saint Paul assures thee, that *Godlinesse is great gaine*. If thou couet pleasure, set *Dauids* delight before thine eyes, *I haue had more delight in thy testimonies than in all manner of riches, Psal. 119*. And in the 92. Psalme hee saith, *Thou Lord hast made mee glad by thy workes*. In the 4. Psalme, *Thou hast giuen mee more ioy of heart, &c.* and reading the 91. Psalme, thou shalt see what manner of blessings they are that
God

God makes his children merry withall. And when thou hast once fixt thy heart to this study, it will bee so sweet, that the more thou learnest, the more thou wilt desire, and the more thou desirest, the more God will loue thee. Thou wilt study so well in priuate, and practise it in all thy actions publikely, thou wilt weigh thy thoughts so euen, that thy words shall not bee light, and a few lines I will vse to perswade thee to bee aduised in thy words.

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Though it is as much to say, Remember thy Creator when thou speakest, as if I could vse all the exhortations, and tell thee all the perils that belong to speech, yet so apt are wee to forget God in our foolish talke, that sometimes wee by our discourse would make Gods of our selues. Therefore it will not bee amisse to receiue a few instructions, though weake, from mee for ordering thy speech.

The morning I haue dedicated

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dicated to meditation, prayer, good studies, and honest recreation. The noone time is most vsed for discourse, it being all a man can doe while hee eats, and it is a time wherein a man ought to bee carefull of his speech, hauing before him Gods good blessings to refresh his body, and honest company to recreate his minde, and therefore ought to bee no way offensive in his speech either to God or good men. But most especially take heed that neither heedlesnesse nor earnestnesse in thy discourse, cause thee

thee to take Gods holy Name in vaine, but alwaies speake of him with reuerence and vnderstanding.

Next, let not thy neighbour suffer in thy speech, but bee rather silent than speake ill of any man, though hee deserue it. And that thou maist doe thus, obserue this rule ; whensoever thou hearest one ill spoken of, before thou second it, examine thine owne heart, and it is ods but thou maist finde in thy selfe either the same fault, or a worse than that hee is accused for. So thou shalt bee forced

forced either to mend thy selfe, or not to condemne him.

Also shunne multiplicity of words, and what thou speakest, bee sure to vnderstand fully, for it is a grating to the eare to heare a man talke at randome. If thou desirest to better thy selfe, modestly aske a question of those whom thou seest to haue knowledge to resolute thee, and bee lesse ashamed to confesse thy ignorance, than by holding a foolish argument, to betray it. And euer auoid that scornfull fashion of questioning a man,

man, who, thou knowest,
cannot make thee a satisfy-
ing answer : neither make
a scorne of his ignorance,
for bee assured hee knowes
something that thou dost
not know.

If God haue giuen thee
a ready wit, take heed thou
abuse it not. At no time
maintaine arguments a-
gainst the truth, especially
in sacred or morall matter:
for it is hard to doe it,
without offending the God
of truth ; and by it thou
maist harme thy weake bro-
ther, but the greatest harme
will bee thine owne when
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thou comdest to giue account for thy idle words.

In thy mirth shun such iesting as may make thee offensive, scoffing becomes not a Christian. Prise not therefore the froth of an idle wit, before the faith of a virtuous friend.

And I pray thee, as thou wouldest haue blessings multiplied vpon thee, let no speech passe from thee that may grieue chaste eares. How hatefull is obscene speech in rude people? But it makes one of gentle birth odious to all honest company. *Solomon* saies,

saies, A wise man conceales knowledge, but *the heart of a foole publisheth foolishnesse*, *Prou. 12. 23.* and *hee that keepeth his mouth, keepeth his life*, *13. 3.* and in the *14. 5.* *The lips of the wise pre serue them.*

To conclude, let thy tongue and thy heart goe together, hate dissimulati-on and lying, and God will loue thee, which I humbly beg of him.

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If thou keepe thy thoughts holy, and thy words pure, I shall not need to feare, but

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all thy actions will bee honest. But my feare thou shouldest know the way, and yet goe aside, will not suffer my counsell to leaue thee alone, till thou come to thy iournies end.

First then bee carefull when thou art alone, that thou doe nothing that thou wouldest not doe if men saw thee : remember that Gods eye is alwayes open, and thine owne conscience will bee witnesse enough against thee.

Next bee sure that no action of thine may bee a scandall to thy profession,
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I meane to the profession of the true Religion. This indeed is as much as to say to thee, Eschew euill. For there is not the least sinne thou canst doe, but the enemies of truth will bee glad to say, Loe, this is one of them that professes God in his mouth, but see what his life is. Therefore a great care ought a Christian to haue, especially those whom God hath set as lights in his Church.

Whatsoever thou art about to doe, examine it by Gods Commandements : if it bee agreeable to them

goe on cheerefully, and
though the end answer not
thy hopes, neuer grieue nor
grudge, but bee glad that
Gods will is performed,
and let thy trust in him as-
sure thee, that all things
worke together for the best
to them that loue GOD.
And though it appeare a
crosse, be assured it is a bles-
sing. Therefore make right
vse of it ; examine thy selfe
what sinne thou hast com-
mitted that may challenge
that punishment, repent of
it, and reconcile God vnto
thee, bearing thy Crosse
with patience, and doubt
not

not hee that depriued thee
of thy hope to try thee, will
(if thou beare it well) giue
thee as great or a greater
blessing than thou hopest
for. But if thou shalt finde
that thy attempts will not
endure that triall, breake
from them, and tell the De-
uill in plaine termes thou
hast a light to discerne his
snares by, and therefore
scorneest to be his slaue. For
beleue mee, my childe, if
thou shalt ~~be~~ of any
worldly respect doe a dis-
honest act, it may bee thou
maist thrive in it a while, but
the end is miserable. Oh

the burthen of a wounded
conscience who can beare?

If thou seest others thrive
& grow great in such cour-
ses, reade the 73. Psalm; ;
there thou shalt see *David*
himselfe confesse his foot
had wel-nigh slipt when hee
saw the prosperity of the
wicked : Hee describes all
their felicities, but at the
last when hee went into the
Sanctuary, hee found what
their end was, how they
were set in slippery places,
&c. and then hee cryes,
*Whom haue I in Heauen but
thee ? And I haue desired
none in the earth with thee.*
Alas,

Alas, all their labour is but
to build a paper house vpon
the sand, which though
it bee neuer so glorious to
looke vpon, a small tempest
will shatter it. When if thou
lay the foundation of thy
happinesse vpon Christ the
rocke of thy saluation, and
build it with zealous ser-
uice of him according to
truth, then though the
flouds beat against it, and
huge tempests threaten it,
thou needest not feare, for
thy wals will stand fast,
and thy foundations will
secure thee.

It were enough to per-

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swade any man to bee honest if hee would consider the day of affliction, and store vp the comfort of a quiet conscience against it came : for onely that discernes the patient *Iob* from despairing *Caine*. *Caine* hideously cryes out, his punishment is greater than hee can beare. *Iob* sighs forth, *Loe though hee slay mee, yet will I trust in him*. Indeed, till affliction comes, the worser sort of men appeare to be the happiest, but then the chaffe is soone knowne from the wheate : the good nan knowes his crosse is good

good for him, beares it patiently, and casts his care on Christ, his heart knowes no repining, nor his tongue other complaining, but
Shall I receiue good from God, and not euill?

On the contrary, when affliction falls vpon those who haue laid their foundation on the sand, alas, they haue no comfort, they are either ashamed or besotted, they cannot finde God, nay they will not seeke him: but in stead of seeking counsell from him, they are not ashamed (with forsaken *Saul*) to implore the
the

the Deuill. What doe they
lesse that seeke after Wit-
ches for lost goods, cure for
themselves, their children,
or cattell? I hope there are
but few of these: but I
know where God is once
forsaken, man is apt to fall
into the depth of sinne. It
is grace, meere grace, that
preserues Gods children
from these dangerous fals,
of which grace, I beseech
Almighty God make vs all
partakers.

And to conclude, how
I would haue thee square
thine actions, whatsoeuer
thou doest, remember that
thou

thou art in the presence of God, (who will expect an account from thee) so thou wilt not dare to doe euill, and thou wilt doe well cheerefully, because thou art sure it pleases the Lord, who sees thy willingnesse, and will not leaue thee vn-rewarded.

The vices most reigning in these times I must particularly aduise thee to shun : first, swearing. For Gods sake, let your communication be yea, yea, and nay, nay, for what is more (saith Christ) commeth of euill. Keepe not company with

a swearer, lest custome make thee forget how great the sin is, and so by little and little thou maist get thy selfe a habit of it. Reproue it in thy friend, if hee will brooke reproofe: but it is to no end to reprove a scorner: Rebuke not a scorner lest hee hate thee, but rebuke a wise man, and he will loue thee, *Prov.*

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Alwaies keepe a watch before thine owne lips, and remember that thou needest not sweare if thou doest not accustome thy selfe to lie. For if thou vnest to tell truths, thy word will bee as currant

currant as thy oath. I hope thy calling (if God hath made thee a man) will be of authority to reprove this vice in others, and not to delight in it thy selfe. If thou beest a Daughter, remember thou art a Maid, and such ought thy modesty to bee, that thou shouldest scarce speak, but when thou answerest: thou art young, speake if need bee, and yet scarcely when thou art twice asked, *Eccles. 32. 8.* Whatsoever thou bee, thou hast a calling, which thou must not dishonour: thou art a Christian, and Christ commands

maunds thou shalt not
swear at all, *Mat. 5. 34.*

The next vice too too
common in this age is
Drunkenesse, which is the
high way to hell : a man
may trauell in it from sinne
to sinne, till the Deuill shew
him hee can goe no further,
as a Traueller from Inne to
Inne, till hee come to his
iourneyes end. Oh thinke
how filthy is that sinne that
makes a man a beast all his
life, and a Deuill at his
death. *Solomon* askes, To
whom is woe? to whom
is sorrow? to whom is
strife? to whom is murmu-
ring?

ring? to whom are wounds
without cause? and to
whom is rednesse of the
eies? And in the next verse
answers, Euen to them that
tarry long at the Wine; and
to the end of the Chapter,
sets forth the miseries occa-
sioned by this vice, *Prou.*

23.

That thou maist auoid
this sinne, be carefull in the
choise of thy friends, for it
is they that will betray
thee to this sinne. Neuer
make choice of a Drun-
kard to thy companion,
much lesse thy friend. For
our Kingdome hath of
late

late afforded more examples of those who haue beene slaine by their friends in a drunken quarrell, than those that haue fallen by the enemies sword: and how vnfit is hee to bee a friend, that when thou shalt haue need of his counsell, will haue his head, instead of wisdom, fild with wine, and adde rather griefe than comfort to thy necessities? And againe, what secret thou shalt trust him with, thou maist bee sure shall be vomited forth, and all thy comfort must bee, He did it vnwillingly, when
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hee knew not what hee did.
Thus thou seest, to bee a
Drunkard, is to bee a man
vnfit for Gods seruice, or
good mens company. I
beseech God giue thee grace
to detest it.

Next, I must exhort thee
from a sinne, that I cannot
name, thou must search
thine owne heart for it. It is
thy darling sin, that which
to enioy, thou couldst resist
all others, at least thou thin-
kest so. But doe not har-
bour it, search diligently for
it in thine owne nature, and
when thou hast found it,
cast it headlong from thee.
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It is thy soules subtile be-
traier, and all thy other sins
depend vpon it. There is
not so much danger in all
the rest that thou contendest
with, as in this one, that
thou art loth to call a sinne.
Thy other sinnes are like a
rebellious multitude in a
common wealth, which
wanting a head, doe little
harmed. This is their head,
cut it off, and thou shalt see
all thy other sins dispersed,
as an army of fearefull Re-
bels, when they heare their
great leaders head hath kist
the blocke.

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When thou hast spent the day in religious and honest exercises, in the evening returne againe to some good meditation or study, which conclude with prayer, commending thy selfe to God, and so shalt thou ioyfully goe to thy supper; which done, and the time of rest come, as thou beganest in the morning, so shut vp the day with humble thanksgiuing for all the benefits that day receiued, hearty repentance for all thy finnes committed, naming

ming and bewailing them. For thou knowest not if thou repentest not to night, whether thou shalt liue to repent to morrow. And though thou wert sure of it, yet the oftner thou makest euen thy accounts with God, thy sleepes will bee the sounder, and thou shalt awake with a heart full of ioy, and ready to serue the Lord.

Last, commit thy selfe, and all that is thine, to God in zealous prayer, vsing Doctor *Smiths* euening prayer, as his morning: both which though they be
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for a family, yet are they easily reduced to a private mans prayer. So going to bed, take thy rest, beginning and ending in him who is both first and last. Thus spend the six dayes thou hast to labour in, that thou maist bee ready to celebrate the Sabbath, to which there belongs another *Remember*.

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Remember that thou keepe holy the Sabbath day. This duty so often and earnestly commanded by GOD himselfe in the old Testament, so confirmed
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to vs in the new, by the Resurrection of our Saviour, in memory whereof it is called the Lords day, and perpetually celebrated by the Church, yet in these dayes, as if wee neither had part in the creation, nor redemption of the world, too many keepe no Sabbath, or at the most but a shadow of a Sabbath. Where almost can wee finde one that will lose a good bargaine rather than make it on the Lords day? Or that will bridle his owne desires to sanctifie that day?

Seeing therefore this danger,

ger, in which thou maist easily bee entrapped by the Devils subtilty, and following the multitude; I cannot but with all my power exhort thee, carefully to keepe the Sabbath, to which end I pray thee marke well the fourth Commandement, Remember that thou keepe holy the Sabbath day, six dayes shalt thou labour, and doe all that thou hast to doe, but the seventh is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt doe no manner of worke, thou, nor thy sonne, nor thy daughter, thy man seruant, nor thy
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maid-seruant, nor thy cattle that is within thy gates: For in six dayes the Lord made Heauen and Earth, the Sea, and all that is therein, and rested the seventh day, wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day and hallowed it. ○

— If thou wilt bee won to the due obseruation of this day as an obedient seruant, see G o d commands, Remember that thou keepe holy the Sabbath day. If as a louing and dutifull sonne, see how G o d perswades thee, by equity, grounded vpon his owne bounty to thee: Hee hath giuen thee
six

six dayes to doe thine owne
workes, and hee requires
but one of thee. What canst
thou say for thy selfe, why
thou shouldest not wholly
that day giue thy selfe to his
seruice? Lastly, if thou wilt
learne how to serue him as
a good Scholler, he teaches
thee an admirable way,
both by rule and example.
First, by rule, Thou shalt
doe no manner of worke
in it: then by example, Hee
made the whole world in
six dayes, and hee rested the
seuenth, wherefore hee bles-
sed it.

Seeing God thus com
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mands thee by his power,
perswades thee in his mer-
cy, and teaches thee both
by rule, and his owne most
gratious example, how
canst thou bee so deuoid of
grace, nay of reason, as not
to obey so iust a Master? so
mercifull a Father? so gra-
cious a Teacher? If thou
make not a conscience of
keeping this day, howsoe-
uer a dull security may pos-
sesse thee to flatter thy
selfe, thou indeed makest
conscience of nothing. For
I am perswaded, if thou
canst dispence with thy
selfe to prophane this day,
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either for thy profit or pleasure, thou wilt not sticke vpon the like occasion to breake all the rest of the Commandements one after another.

Therefore for Christs sake bee watchfull that the Deuill deceiue you nor, nor none of his instruments draw thee away from this dayes duty. Hee is alwaies busie and ready at hand to draw thee away from God, but this day without doubt hee doubles all his forces, hee will prouoke thine eies to sleepe, hee will send heauinesse and dulnesse to thy

F 3 heart,

heart, and perhaps paine to thy body, if he can so much preuaile: any sleight, any tricke to stay thee from Gods house, and from the Congregation of his people, hee will surely vse, nay hee will sometimes doe it with religious pretences, as to pray at home, reade a Sermon, study the Scripture, and to spend the time in such Christian exercises, as are infinitely good at other times. But I once heard a religious Preacher affirme (and I beleueed him) that those who had ability of body to goe to Church,

Church, and yet out of any euill disposition (for good it can hardly bee) absented themselves, though they prayed, they were not heard.

It behoues thee by how much greater his practises are against thee that day, so much the more to fortifie thy selfe against him: at no hand let him stay thee from the Church, there G O D hath promised to be present, and there he is. Darest thou then, ffly wretch, absent thy selfe from him? I know, thou dardest not. Goe then with a heart prepared

pared to pray by prayer, and going meditate on Gods great mercies in the creation of the world, his greater mercy in redeeming it, and mingle with thy meditation prayers, that may apply these great blessings to thy selfe.

So approach and enter, with reuerent and feruent zeale, the house of G O D, and throwing away all thoughts, but such as may further the good worke thou art about, bend thy knees and heart to God, desiring of him his holy Spirit, that thou maist ioine
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with the Congregation in zealous prayer, and earnest attention to his word preached. And though perhaps thou hearest a Minister preach, as thou thinkest, weakly, yet give him thine attention, and thou shalt finde that hee will deliuer something profitable to thy soule, either that thou hast not heard before, or not marked, or forgotten, or not well put in practise. And it is fit thou shouldest bee often put in minde of those things concerning thy saluation.

Thus if thou spend thy

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time

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time at Church, thou wilt
bee ready to giue thy selfe
to meditate of the holy
Word thou hast heard,
without which truly hea-
ring profiteth little. For it
is with the soule as with the
body, though meat bee ne-
uer so wholesome, and the
appetite neuer so great, yet
if any ill disposition in the
stomacke hinder digestion,
it turnes not to nourish-
ment, but rather proues
more dangerous. So the
Word if after hearing it bee
not digested by meditati-
on, it is not nourishing to
the soule. Therefore let the
time

time thou hast to bee absent
from Church, bee spent in
praising God, praying to
God, and applying to thy
selfe what thou hast heard.
If thou hast heard a sinne re-
proued that thou art guilty
of, take it for a warning,
doe it no more. If thou
hearest of a good action
which thou hast ouerslipt,
strive to recouer time, and
resolve to put it in act.
Thus by practising what
thou hearest, thou shalt
binde it to thy memory, and
by making it thine owne,
make thy selfe most happy.

Learne of *Isaiah*, the true
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obseruation of the Sabbath : If thou turne away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy will on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight: to consecrate it as glorious to the Lord, and shalt honour him, not doing thy owne wayes, nor seeking thine owne will, nor speaking a vaine word : Then shalt thou delight in the Lord, and I will cause thee to mount vpon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of *Iacob* thy Father, for the mouth of the Lord hath
spoken

spoken it, *Isaiah* 58. 13.

It is a wonder to see how often God hath commanded this one Commandment, and yet how slacke we are to keepe it. *Exod.* 31. from the 12. verse, is all commanding this: againe in the 34. 21. and diuers places more.

Learne then to prepare thy heart early for this day, which if thou obseruest well, God will blesse thee and thy labours all the weeke. Thus farre I haue endeououred to exhort thee to thy duty towards God.

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Of which the honour due to thy Parents is such a part as cannot bee separated; for God commands it, *Honour thy father and thy mother*, it is the first Commandement of the second table, as, *Thou shalt have none other Gods but mee*, is of the first: Idolatry being the greatest sin against God, and disobedience to parents, being the ring-leader in sinnes against man, wee are first warned of them, as if in case we should fall into them, it were too late to auoid the other.

other. For if wee once become in heart Idolaters, it will be no hard matter to be a bower downe to an Image, to abuse Gods holy Name, and to prophane his Sabbath: So if wee dare disobey good Parents, at that breach, theft, murther, adultery, falsenesse, couetousnesse easily enter.

Nay, I dare say, if thou breakest either of these Commandements, thou breakest all of the first and second Table: for as thou canst not bee idolatrous without breaking all the rest, so thou canst not bee

a disobedient childe, but thou art a murderer, a double one: first of nature in thy selfe, which if thy wicked purposes doe not smother, will of her selfe breake forth into that duty. For an example, the story of *Aeneas* shewes how much it was obserued by them that receiued not the Commandement from Gods owne mouth, as did the Iewes, yet he exposed himselfe to all dangers rather than he would forsake his father. Secondly, thou art a murtherer of thy father, who hauing stored vp all his

his ioy in thee, hath by thy disobedience his gray head brought with sorrow to the graue ; which God forbid.

And what difference, shall I say, is there betweene a disobedient childe, and an adulterer ? the one forsakes her, by whom he giueth being vnto others ; the other despiseth those from whom hee had his owne being. Truly this is a fearefull adultery, and sinne is a crafty strumpet, she will allure thee and delude thee.

Againe, in being disobedient thou art a theefe, an
impudent

impudent theeſe, for thou doeſt not onely ſecretly ſteale, but openly detain the honour, reuerence and obedient duty, which all the world can witneſſe is thy fathers.

And how wilt thou a-void being a falſe witneſſe? will not one ſinne draw on another? Wilt not thou bee ready to excuſe thy vnnaturall obſtinacy, by throwing calumnious aſperſions on thy parents, giuing thy tongue leaue to lie againſt thy conſcience?

And laſtly (Oh horrible)

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how easie a step is it to co-
uet what thou thinkest thy
parents life too long de-
taines from thee?

Thus thou seest in being
disobedient thou breakest
six commandements, from
which outrage, I beseech
Almighty G O D preserve
thee, and giue thee grace to
bee obedient to him, and to
thy parents. I am sure thou
hast a father, who will ne-
uer command thee any
thing contrary to the
Commandements of God.
Therefore I haue no need
to speake to thee, how farre
a father ought to bee obey-
ed:

ed : but humbly desire of
God to continue him in his
good desires with long life,
that he may bring thee vp
in the feare of the Lord,
and to giue thee a heart rea-
dy to embrace all religious
learning.

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The next duty equall
to this, thou must performe
to all the world in generall,
Doe to all men as thou
wouldest they should doe
vnto thee. This is the com-
mandement our Saviour
giues vs ; Loue one ano-
ther : by this wee shall bee
knowne

knowne to be his, if we loue one another as he hath loued vs.

Yet of all that is commanded vs, there is nothing more contrary to our wicked nature then this louing our neighbour as our selues. Wee can with ease enuie him if hee be rich, or scorne him if he be poore ; but loue him ? nay the Deuill hath more craft than so. It were hard for him if men should once begin to loue one another : therefore hee vseth all Art to stir dissention among as many as he can, & to mix loue with dissimulation.

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To auoid this, consider well that God is the Author of peace and loue, and that strifes and contentions proceed of the Deuill. Then if thou beest the child of God, doe the workes of God, loue thy neighbour as he hath cōmanded, lest thou prouoke our blessed Saviour, when he shall see, that marke of the Deuill, malice in thee, to say as once to the vnbeleeuing Iewes, You are of your father the deuill, and the lusts of your father will you doe, *Ioh. 8. 44.*

Oh take heed thou offend not God thus grievously,

uously, that hee shall dis-
claime thee as none of his,
because thou dost not loue
those that are his.

This, if well weighed,
were enough to make eue-
ry man charitable, if it were
onely for feare to hate
whom God loued. But to
belecue or iudge that God
should hate where thou
doest, were such an impious
vncharitableness as a good
Christian must needs trem-
ble at. God hath giuen thee
no authoritie to Iudge any
man, but he hath comman-
ded thee to loue thine ene-
mie ; Loue your enemies,
bless

blesse them that curse you,
doe good to them that hate
you, and pray for them that
hurt and persecute you, that
you may be the children of
your father which is in hea-
uen, *Matth. 5. 44.*

A man may finde wayes
enow to possesse the Deuill
of his soule, but none with
lesse pleasure to himselve
than this: hee may sell it, as
did *Iudas*, to satisfie a coue-
tous desire; hee may lose
it, as does many a lazie man
his worldly estate; because
hee will not trouble him-
selfe to looke ouer an ac-
count of his fortune, hee
sinks

finke ere hee thinkes of it;
so fares it with a negligent
Christian. Thirdly, hee may
pawne it, like a foolish vn-
thrif, who pawns that
which should keepe him all
his life, to purchase a gay
toy which shall serue him
a day or two: so doth hee
that pawns that rich iewel
his soule to the griping vsu-
rer the Deuill, for pleasure;
haply hee meanes one day
to redeeme it, but runnes on
his selfe-pleasing course till
the vse hath deuoured the
principall, and his vnmer-
full Creditor hales him to a
dungeon, where he has time

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for euer to bewaile, nor on-
ly his present misery, but
the losse of infinite happi-
nesse.

These are strange enough
that a man should sell eter-
nitie of ioy for wealth, or
sleepe away the time where-
in hee might make such a
purchase, or pawne an in-
estimable treasure for things
not worth esteeme. But yet
they are all better than hee
that giues away his soule
for nothing, as doth the en-
uious man. The couetous
gets riches, the slothfull
ease, the wanton pleasure,
but the hater of his brother
gets

gets nothing (no not in present) but torment, fretting and vexation : he is not the fatter for his meat, nor doth hee rest though hee sleepe, yet he for whom, or against whom hee thus roiles his spirit, haply eats, sleepes, and laughs at his enuiers folly, or peradventure pitties him.

The more easily to auoid this sinne, consider well the disprofits of it. Reade in the first Epistle of Saint *Iohn* 3. Chap. 14. and 15. Verses, and in the 4. chap. the 8. and the 20. verses : reade the 13. of the first to the *Corinthians* ; there Saint *Paul* shewes
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that without charitie euen
spirituall graces are of no
worth. As the want of it
brings infinite miserie, so
the possession infinite ioy.
By Charitie wee performe
our Sauour Christs com-
mandement, who often re-
quires this of vs, as if hee
should say, I haue satisfied
my father for all the com-
mandements that you haue
broke : Now your taske is
easie, I leaue you nothing to
doe, but to loue one ano-
ther ; doe this and you doe
all. By it we fulfill the Law,
Rom. 13. 8. and 10. verses.
By it wee abide in the light,
1. Ioh. 2. 10. Is.

Is it possible, when these are well weighed, that any man should bee so mad to beare an vncharitable heart about him, or so foole hardy to harbour a spleene that shall hazard his saluation? Can wee be so cruell to our selues, as to deny Christ one Commandement? For all his loue to vs, he requires but this testimony of our loue to him, which wee cannot choose but performe if we doe loue him. Therefore take heed if thou feele any malice towards thy brother, be sure thy heart is not vp-right toward God. So roo

it out from thy heart, that
no sting of it be left, for it
will grow faster than *Jonahs*
Gourd.

Answer mee not with
Flesh and bloud cannot doe
this: I know it. But if thou
desire God to giue thee his
holy Spirit, thou shalt bee
strong to suffer, and ready
to forgiue. Thou must not
in any thing be subiect to
the flesh, for the wisdom
of the flesh is death. But al-
wayes make thy spirit thy
guide, for there is life and
peace.

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no greater aduantage than
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that thou wouldest trust thy
soule to the discretion of
thy corrupt flesh, hee would
soone inteeple that to be-
tray thee. But when thou
hast put thy selfe vnder the
spirit, submitting thy will
to the will of God, he is no
more able to hurt thee.

The next excuse I would
take from thee, is a very foo-
lish one, but so common,
that I feare you may hap-
pen on it, and that is this; If
I should suffer wrongs pa-
tiently, what will become of
my reputation? what will
the world say? Truly if you
remember, Christ hath suf-
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fred more for you, than it is possible for you to suffer: yet he neuer reiled any of his enemies, nor strake his persecutors, but prayed for them. And his example teaches all that loue him to doe the like. He wils you to turne the left cheek to him that smote the right, to giue to him that takes from you, and to goe with him that compels you.

But these are strange rules for a generous spirit in these times; nay sure if I be stricke, I must strike againe, else I am a coward. Indeed as for giuing, if it were

were to one that would
desire it at my hands, I had
rather giue a fragment of
my right than goe to law;
but if hee will not sue
to mee, Ile spend all I am
worth ere I yeeld: Or I
would goe out of my doore
to shew a man his way, but
I would faine see who
could compell mee. I ma-
ry, this is of the right straine;
but now looke with a con-
siderate eye vpon this cus-
tome of the world, and
the former Commande-
ment of Christ, and thou
shalt finde them iust oppo-
site. it becometh thee to haue
thy power to There-

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Therefore take heed, and
 let it bee thy cheife care, ne-
 uer to prize thy reputation
 with men equall to the sal-
 uation of thine owne soule.
 But if thou desirest to keepe
 thy credit vnblemished,
 serue God with an upright
 heart, and doe nothing to
 any man, that thou woul-
 dest not bee content hee
 should doe vnto thee. O-
 pen thy hand to the poore
 according to thy ability,
 meddle not with other
 mens occasions, but where
 thou maist doe good, and
 hast acalling to it. And if
 it bee in thy power to hurt
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thine enemy, let it passe, doe
him good if thou canst, and
boast not of it: hee that sees
thee in priuate, will openly
reward thee.

Lastly, let thy heart bee
kept alwaies in awe of this
want of charity, by conti-
nuall remembring that
thou hast of thy Saviour no
other forme of praier to de-
sire forgiuenesse for thy
selfe, than that wherein thou
couenantest to forgiue o-
thers. All the other petiti-
ons wee present vnto God
absolutely: onely this is
conditionall, hee forgiue vs
as wee forgiue others. Our
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Saviour hath taught vs no
other way to desite it; and
in the 18. of *Matthew* hee
shewes God will no other-
wise grant it.

Lastly, let thy heart bee
kept alway in awe of this
want of charity, by conti-
nuall remembering that
thou hast of thy Saviour no

other forme of price to de-
lite thyselfe for thy
Saviour that wherein thou
covenantest to forgive o-

thers. All the other be-
lievers wee present vnto God
absolutely: onely this is
conditionall, hee forgive vs
as wee forgive others. Our

Sine fine finis.